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Delaware Department of Justice Sentencing Announcement

Wilmington, DE – The Delaware Department of Justice today announced sentences in the following criminal cases:

Dana Goodman, age 38 of Easton, Maryland, pled guilty on September 3, 2008 in Sussex County Superior Court to 2 counts of Rape 4th degree, Felony Endangering the Welfare of a Child and Official Misconduct.

Between January, 2008 and May, 2008, Goodman engaged in a sexual relationship with a 17 year old student at Sussex Central High School, the school at which he was the Principal. Goodman was arrested by Delaware State Police on May 2, 2008.

Goodman was sentenced today in Sussex County Superior Court by Judge Richard F. Stokes to 4 years in prison during which time he must complete an intensive sex offender treatment program. Incarceration will be followed by six months of Work Release and then 2 years of intensive Probation. Additionally, Goodman must undergo DNA and HIV testing as well as pay restitution to the victim compensation board. He was ordered to have no unsupervised contact with children, except for his own, must register as a Tier 2 sex offender, and will appear on the child abuse registry for life.

Dennis Trotter, age 28 of Magnolia, pled guilty on September 23, 2008 in Kent County Superior Court to two counts of Assault 2nd Degree.

On May 30, 2008, Delaware State Police responded to a domestic complaint at Trotter's residence. Trotter became belligerent and refused to cooperate with officers. As he was being taken into custody, Trotter injured a Trooper and a State Police K9.

Trotter was sentenced on November 13, 2008 in Kent County Superior Court by Judge Robert B. Young to 12 days in prison followed by 1 year of Probation.

Kenneth Hawkes, age 32 of Wilmington, pled guilty on September 22, 2008 in New Castle County Superior Court to 2 counts of Robbery in the 1st Degree, 2 counts of Robbery in the 2nd degree, and one count of Attempted Robbery.

Between December, 2007 and January, 2008, Hawkes used a BB gun to committed a string of four armed robberies and one attempted robbery throughout New Castle County at gas stations and convenience stores. He was arrested on April 2, 2008 by Delaware State Police.

Kenneth Hawkes was sentenced today in New Castle County by Judge Jan R. Jurden to 6 years in prison, followed by 6 months of Work Release, and then 18 months of Intensive Probation.

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